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**Promotion of Tourism in Madhya Pradesh**

2076. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the Madhya Pradesh for the promotion of tourism during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals approved/rejected or still pending indicating the reasons for rejecting each proposal;

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Madhya Pradesh in this regard during 1996-97;

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded additional funds from the Union Government for the development of certain tourist places; and

(e) if so, the amount provided during each of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e) Central Department of Tourism, Government of India has during the year 1994-95, sanctioned two projects, amounting to Rs.9.32 lakhs to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has not submitted any proposal during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 to the Central Department of Tourism for central financial assistance.

*[Translation]*

**Telephone Exchanges in U.P.**

2077. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges likely to be made operational in Deoria District of Uttar Pradesh by March, 1997;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up microwave;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any plan to provide telephone facility in every village of the district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Six nos. of 256PC-DOT Telephone Exchanges are likely to be made operational by March 1997 Deoria District of U.P.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up 5 nos. of Digital Microwave Systems during 1996-97 in Deoria District as follows:

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| (i) | Padrauna-Hata-Deoria | -120 chl | capacity |
| (ii) | Lar-Salempur | - 30 chl | capacity |
| (iii) | Salempur-Deoria | -120 chl | capacity |
| (iv) | Gorakhpur-Deoria | -1920 chl | capacity |
| (v) | Deoria-Patna | -1920 chl | capacity |

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Public Telephone facility has been provided in 296 villages during 1996-97.

During 9th Five Year Plan, telephone facility is likely to be provided in all the villages of Deoria District.

**Kurla Fly-over Project**

2078. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded its approval to Kurla fly-over project of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Project could not be approved as location is infringing with proposed Bandra-Kurla Railway line.

*[English]*

**Post Offices in Karnataka**

2079. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without Post Offices in Karnataka during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 till now;

(b) the number of villages in the State having post offices, district-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the number of post offices proposed to be opened during 1997-98 in the State, district-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of village without post offices in Karnataka during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till date) is given below:-